

REMARKS

An abstract has been provided, to replace the abstract removed during the international stage.

The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies. In addition, the dependency of Claim 16 has been corrected.

Claim 18 has been cancelled.

New Claims 20 to 27 have been added.

New Claim 20 is a combination of original Claims 1 and 6.

New Claims 21 to 25 respectively further incorporate the subject matters of original Claims 10, 11, 12 and 14.

New method Claims 26 and 27 incorporate the features of composition Claims 6 and 8 respectively.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure, Applicants submit an "Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant" on PTO Forms PTO/SB/08A for consideration by the Examiner.

It is understood that the Examiner has received a copy of the International Search Report and copies of the documents cited therein. If this is incorrect, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned to request copies.

Applicants also draw the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending application assigned to Norton Healthcare Limited:-

Co-Pending Application Assigned to Norton Healthcare Limited

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At the time that the inventions claimed in the present application were made, they were commonly owned with those of the co-pending application.

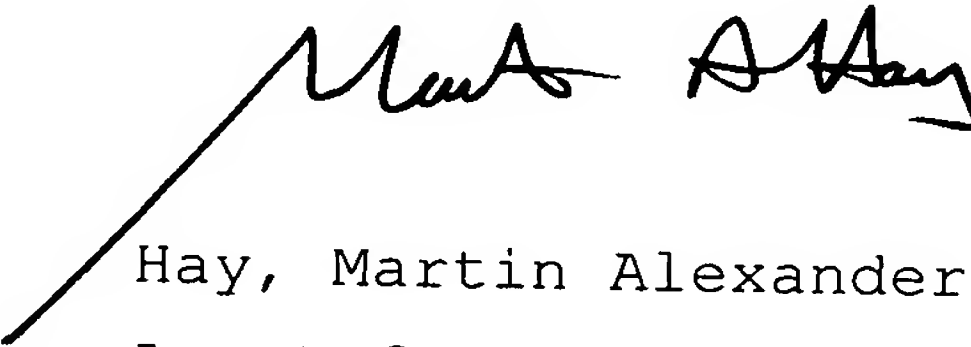
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